

Who is God?

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Many people today are confused concerning "Who" God actually is. Freemasons readily admit that they aren't exactly sure, so they delicately refer to their god as "The Great Architect." Interestingly, the Apostle Paul came across a group of men in the Bible who were also unsure of exactly "Who" God is in Acts 17:22-29...

"Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

In these Scriptures, Paul wonderfully explains that it is God Who gives to all life and breath. It is God Who makes the fruit tree grow, and the rain to fall upon the earth, and the sun to shine. God is the Creator of all the universe. God created everything in the world. God is the Lord, i.e., the One Who is Supreme in Authority in Heaven and earth. There is no power or authority greater than God.

God has made all races of one blood, to dwell in varied geographical regions of His choosing, in differing time periods of history, and with a host of different languages. It is God Who hath set the planets in orbit and the stars in their patterns. Our very existence and life comes from God.

Paul goes on to say that the purpose of all of this is that men might seek and find the Lord Jesus Christ... "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" (Acts 17:27). Jesus said in John 6:40, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." Salvation is ONLY found in Jesus Christ; not in any religion or organization. Paul taught the men of Athens that God doesn't dwell in temples made of gold, silver, or stone; but rather, God is our Creator and gives us the very life we possess. Amen!

The Bible is God's Word... "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2nd Timothy 3:16). The Bible proclaims that God exists as a Godhead, i.e., God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit... "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" (1st John 5:7). The Bible teaches that the Godhead became incarnate as a man, Jesus Christ... "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Amen!

Jesus Christ is not just God, but Almighty God... "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8). In Matthew 3:16 we clearly see the Godhead once more in the Scriptures, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Here we clearly see all three members of the Godhead—Jesus getting baptized, the Holy Spirit descending as a dove and the voice of the Father in Heaven.

Who is God? Jesus is God. The Father is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Matthew 1:23 states, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**." Jesus said in John 10:33, "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, **makest thyself God**." Jesus professed to be God.

There is only ONE God... "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD" (Deuteronomy 6:4). Christians are not polytheists as Muslims allege. We believe there is only ONE God; but He has manifested Himself to mankind as a Godhead, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Genesis 1:26). All Persons of the Godhead are equal, possessing all divine power and greatness.

Jehovah's Witnesses errantly teach that Jesus is "a god"; but not Almighty God. The Bible teaches that Jesus is in fact, Almighty God... "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3,14). The Word was God and became flesh as the Son of God. This

is the God of the Bible, as manifest through the life of the Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh.

Jesus said to see Him is to see the father, "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9). In Isaiah 9:6 Jesus is called "the everlasting father." They are one and the same, although two separate and distinct Persons as well. This is the mystery of the Godhead... "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ."

God is not an UNKNOWN GOD. The Bible specifically tells us "Who" God is and even tells us His name—JESUS CHRIST! Jesus Christ came to this earth as the manifestation of the Godhead incarnate, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh..." (1st Timothy 3:16). Amen and amen!

"Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might." —Jeremiah 10:6

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